



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Yang, Yinong

Serial No.: 10/768,886

Art Unit: 1638

Filed: January 31, 2004

Examiner: Vinod Kumar

For: Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase
And Methods for Use to Enhance Biotic
And Abiotic Stress Tolerance in Plants

Atty Docket No.: UAF-03-14

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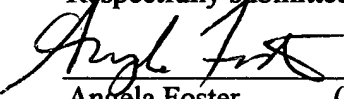
Sir:

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Replacement Specification

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Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, please consider the following remarks below. Applicant further submits the following items: (i) Pending Claim Sheet (Exhibit A); (ii) pages of Specification denoting corrections (Exhibit B); (iii) Replacement Specification; and (iv) Supplemental Sequence Listing and readable disk. Because the following Response is being submitted within the three (3) months shortened statutory period, no fee is deemed due.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 1-5, amend Claims 6-50 and add New Claims 51-55 as follows:

1. (Deleted) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. NO: 1.